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Elliot Lake Statement - evening
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Premier's Statement On Recovery Efforts In Elliot Lake

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This evening Premier Dalton McGuinty released the following statement:

"Like all Ontarians, I was saddened to learn that efforts in Elliot Lake have moved from rescue to recovery.

This news comes as a terrible blow to the people of Elliot Lake, and especially to those who have yet to learn of friends and family still missing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and we will continue to stand by as we await final word on the victims.

Our hearts are also with the dozens of emergency workers from Elliot Lake and beyond who rushed to the scene this weekend. They put their own lives at risk to save people they never knew. Along the way, they reminded us of the sacrifices our first responders make every day.

Ontario is a large province that feels much smaller at a time like this, and I know all Ontarians will come together to support the people of Elliot Lake as they recover from this tragedy."

O'Leary, John (OPO)

From: McCann, Wendy (OPO)
Sent: June 25, 2012 6:31 PM
To: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); Rang, Lloyd (OPO); O'Leary, John (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

We aren't going to issue that statement. And it's unlikely we'll want a different one tonight. Thanks.

From: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
Sent: June-25-12 6:25 PM
To: Rang, Lloyd (OPO); McCann, Wendy (OPO); O'Leary, John (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

We are standing by.

From: Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Sent: June 25, 2012 6:23 PM
To: McCann, Wendy (OPO); Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: Re: Elliot Lake

Nancy/Jonathan:

Let me know when it's teed up to go with translation, etc.

Don't push the button just yet though. Want to talk to Wendy first.

From: Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
To: McCann, Wendy (OPO); Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Sent: Mon Jun 25 17:58:35 2012
Subject: Re: Elliot Lake

If that is what he said, send it.

From: McCann, Wendy (OPO)
To: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); Rang, Lloyd (OPO); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Sent: Mon Jun 25 17:35:45 2012
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

You did. He said they are moving from rescue to recovery and that there is one dead, two more unaccounted for and maybe one of this group is still alive. As well, confusion as to who is considered missing.

I think the statement stands.

Lloyd?

From: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
Sent: June-25-12 5:30 PM
To: McCann, Wendy (OPO); Rang, Lloyd (OPO); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

Watched it. Not sure I heard enough to release the statement we've got. Thoughts?

From: McCann, Wendy (OPO)
Sent: June 25, 2012 5:10 PM
To: Rang, Lloyd (OPO); Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

We are waiting for authorities to contact next of kin for the suspected victims. They believe they know the identities. Then, the mayor will likely announce it has gone from rescue to recovery and at that point we can issue a statement. Apparently there is a news conference that is about to begin. CP24 might go live. You should watch if you can.

From: Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Sent: June-25-12 5:08 PM
To: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); McCann, Wendy (OPO); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: Re: Elliot Lake

Very good.

What's the plan?

From: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
To: Rang, Lloyd (OPO); McCann, Wendy (OPO); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Sent: Mon Jun 25 17:06:43 2012
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

Tricky figuring out what to say on this but here you go.

From: Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Sent: June 25, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); McCann, Wendy (OPO); McLaughlin, David (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB); Adach, Susan (OPO)
Subject: Re: Elliot Lake

Thanks.

Putting it on the radar for DM and Susan.

From: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
To: McCann, Wendy (OPO); Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB)
Sent: Mon Jun 25 15:53:17 2012
Subject: RE: Elliot Lake

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I will start writing.

From: McCann, Wendy (OPO)
Sent: June 25, 2012 3:52 PM
To: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB); Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB)
Subject: Re: Elliot Lake

Yes. Will be in touch after meeting.

From: Leigh, Jonathan (CAB)
To: McCann, Wendy (OPO); Rang, Lloyd (OPO)
Cc: Westaway, Nancy (CAB)
Sent: Mon Jun 25 15:42:14 2012
Subject: Elliot Lake

We're hearing rumblings of another statement – apparently authorities have determined no further victims will be brought out alive.

I believe O'Leary is getting in touch with Laura and Wendy so we await instructions on how we handle this.

Thanks.

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